

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1209  
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Johnson County 4-H  
Horse Judging Team.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend the members of scholastic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, on such estimable group of Tennesseans is the Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Team; and

WHEREAS, youth horse judging requires extensive knowledge of horse breed characteristics and performance and remarkable clarity of mind, as competitors must make logical decisions while under pressure and orally defend these decisions to contest officials in a lucid, concise, and poised manner; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging program prepares young people for a successful future in Tennessee's equine industry, instilling and refining in them the skills necessary for equine management, breeding, training, education and care; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Team is renowned as a team of remarkably competitive stature in the world of equine contests; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, the team competed at Middle Tennessee State University in the largest youth horse judging competition east of the Mississippi River, which was attended by six hundred youth from across Tennessee as well as collegiate teams from across the country; and

WHEREAS, the junior high team from Johnson County placed an impressive third in the Halter Division and forth overall; and

WHEREAS, Erica Hittenger placed second individually in the halter division, while Kathleen Wilson placed fourth overall; and

WHEREAS, they were joined on the junior high team by Abbey Brown and Faye Clemens; other participants from Johnson County included Justine Wilson, Cody Jefferies, Andrew Cress, and Sarah Beth Cress; and

WHEREAS, they received invaluable guidance from Coach Barbara Ann Mallett and Assistant Coach Karla Coffey; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team epitomize all that is good in today's youth, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Team for their remarkable achievements and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Team on their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary achievements, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each team member with this final clause omitted from such copies.